

Tuesday, February 11, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed Bill Richardson as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1203–S1249

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 296–303, and S. Res. 52–53. **Page S1226**

Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment: Senate continued consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget, taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S1203–10, S1211–12, S1219–23**

Rejected:

Wellstone Amendment No. 3, to state the policy of the United States that, in achieving a balanced budget, Federal outlays should not be reduced in a manner that disproportionately affects outlays for education, nutrition, and health programs for poor children. (By 64 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 8), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1203–10**

Pending:

Dodd Amendment No. 4, to simplify the conditions for a declaration of an imminent and serious threat to national security. **Pages S1222–23**

A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for the further consideration of the pending amendment beginning at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 12, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon at 5:30 p.m. **Page S1223**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report concerning the International Whaling Commission; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–13). **Page S1224**

Transmitting the report of proposed rescissions of budgetary resources; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to the Committee on Armed Services, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to the Committee on the Judiciary, to the Committee on Governmental Affairs, and to the Committee on Finance. (PM–14). **Page S1224**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 9 EX), Bill Richardson, of New Mexico, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations. **Pages S1213–19, S1249**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Tracey D. Conwell, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001.

Joaquin L. G. Salas, of Guam, to be United States Marshal for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Marshal for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of four years.

Mary Ann Gooden Terrell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Patricia A. Broderick, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of

the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

7 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Marine Corps list. **Pages S1247–49**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—9) **Pages S1210, 1219**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2:15 p.m. and adjourned at 5:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 12, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1247.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT REFORM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings on S. 257, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to improve the Act by streamlining U.S. futures trading law and conforming it to the changing competitive environment, receiving testimony from Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Roger L. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Federal Finance; Patrick H. Arbor, Chicago Board of Trade, and Jack F. Sandner, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, both of Chicago, Illinois; and Daniel Rappaport, New York Mercantile Exchange, and Walter Hines, Coffee, Sugar, and Cocoa Exchange, both of New York, New York.

Hearings continue on Thursday, February 13.

BOSNIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the situation in Bosnia and the status of United States military forces participating in the Stabilization Force from John P.

White, Deputy Secretary of Defense; John Kornblum, Assistant Secretary of State for Canadian and European Affairs; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Advisory Commission to Study the Consumer Price Index, receiving testimony from Katharine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor; Barry P. Bosworth, Brookings Institution, and Linda Chavez-Thompson, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.; Esther Canja, American Association of Retired Persons, Port Charlotte, Florida; Martin Feldstein, National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Meredith Bagby, The Third Millennium, New York, New York; and James L. Martin, 60 Plus Association, Arlington, Virginia.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

NOMINATION/SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Bill Richardson, of New Mexico, to be the Representative of the United States to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on African Affairs: Senators Ashcroft (Chair), Grams, Frist, Feingold, and Sarbanes.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs: Senators Thomas (Chair), Frist, Lugar, Coverdell, Hagel, Kerry, Robb, Feingold, and Feinstein.

Subcommittee on European Affairs: Senators Gordon Smith (Chair), Lugar, Ashcroft, Hagel, Thomas, Biden, Wellstone, Sarbanes, and Dodd.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion: Senators Hagel (Chair), Thomas, Frist, Coverdell, Sarbanes, Biden, and Wellstone.

Subcommittee on International Operations: Senators Grams (Chair), Helms, Brownback, Gordon Smith, Feinstein, Dodd, and Kerry.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs: Senators Brownback (Chair), Gordon Smith, Grams, Helms, Ashcroft, Robb, Feinstein, Wellstone, and Sarbanes.